THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MOHD. MAQBOOL DAR): (a) The freedom fighters who apply for grant of pension and fulfil the requirements as laid down under the scheme are sanctioned pension. However, many freedom fighters may not have applied for grant of pension under the scheme.

(b) There is no scheme to identify the freedom fighters and to grant pension. However, in 287 cases Government has granted pension *suo motu*.

Diversion of Funds sanctioned for building Bridges in Tamil Nadu

1136. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of India has sanctioned money for the building of two bridges in Tamil Nadu for the benefit to the fishermen;

(b) if so, the date and amount of money sanctioned, whether Government of Tamil Nadu has utilised that money for the purpose for which it was given;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and for which purpose that money was used; and

(d) the action propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Purchase of Tele-communication Equipment at High Prices

1137. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Department of Tele-communication reversed its recommendation on the purchase of certain test equipment in favour of a Hyderabad based firm resulting in an estimated loss to the tune of over Rs. 13 crore recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the equipment is being purchased from the firm and its associates at prices substantially higher than the lowest bids; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The Department has placed advance purchase orders for 90% of the tendered quantity on the firms who were found to be fully meeting the tender conditions and have offered field proven instruments at the lowest price quoted amongst them. For the balance quantity, Advance Purchase Orders were placed on the new entrants at the lowest price quoted amongst them to encourage indigenous manufacturing.

Infrastructure Development in Paradeep Port Trust

1138. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a prop- osal to take some steps for the development of some major ports;

(b) if so, the details of the develop- mental activities proposed for the year 1996-97;

(c) whether Government proposes to develop infrastructural facilities in Para- deep Port; and

(d) if so, the steps taken in that direction?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI T. G. VENKATRAMAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The list of important developmental schemes (both sanctioned and to be sanctioned) in respect of various major ports including Paradip Port which are included in Annual Plan 1996-97 is annexed as statement.

Statement

(RS. IN CRORES)

S. NO.	NAME OF THE SCHEME	ESTIMATED COST	APPROVED OUTLAY IN ANNUAL PLAN 1996-97	REMARKS
1	2	3	4	5
	CALCUTTA PORT			
1.	Replacement of NSD Lock Entrance System.	4.85	0.76	
2.	Replacement of KPD Lock Entrance System.	5.00	1.28	
3.	Extension of Dock Basin at NSD including construction of 2nd Swing Bridge.	5.00	2.50	
4.	Procurement of 2 fast Pilot Launches (Posed)	4.50	2.00	
	HALDIA			
1.	Construction of Barge Terminal next to Berth No. 11.	4.80	2.50	
2.	Replacement of North Stacker-cum-Reclaimer No. 2 of Coal handling plant.	4.97	3.25	
3.	Reconstruction of Tippler No. 2 of Berth No. 3.	4.75	4.00	
4.	Replacement of Grab Dredger.	19.00	10.00	
	MUMBAI PORT			
1.	Installation of Computerised MIS (ADB Assisted)	4.83	0.05	
2.	Replacement of lock Gate at Indira Dock together with oil Hydraulic System (ADB assisted)	10.59	0.50	
3.	Replacement of two submarine pipelines & Replacement of remaining 5 submarine pipelines	165.15 8.98	3.93 1.50	
4.	Replacement of Entrance Gate at Victoria Dock.			
5.	Replacement of Grab Dredger "VIKAS"	30.00	15.00	
6.	Replacement of two Dock Tugs (RUDRA & Rahul).	9.00	2.00	
7.	Modernisation of Jetties 1, 2 & 3, at Jawahar Dweep	135.00	0.10	
8.	Procurement of 2 Nos. Reach stacker of 40 tonne capacity for container handling.	4.85	0.50	
9.	Replacement of Pirpau Oil Pier (ADB assisted)	110.89	4.60	
10.	Installation of VTMS (ADB Assisted)	32.96	20.00	
	JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT			
1.	Approach to service berth.	16.50	1.99	
2.	Port Crafts Jetty.	4.50	4.00	
3.	Additional container Yard	11.00	8.50	
4.	Area development behind bulk berth complex.	8.50	4.25	
5.	Paved area for explort blocks of new shipping lines to be serviced by the 5th and 6th quay cranes at container terminal.	4.30	4.30	

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	MADRAS PORT			
1.	Wharf Electric crane 20 T-3 Nos.	38.00	4.00	
2.	Tippler for Mechanical Ore handling equipment.	6.50	3.00	
3.	Replacement of 700 HP locos with 4 Nos. higher HP locos-2 Nos. and Replacement of 700 HP locos - 6 Nos.	28.00	3.75	
4.	Construction of Eastern side wall-improvement of Boat basin.	17.95	1.00	
5.	Replacement of Dr. COLEROON	50.00	0.10	
6.	Construction of New Port at Ennore near Madras.	593.90	75.00	
7.	Extension of south quay 3rd and Modernisation of Fast Quay berths.	40.24	0.25	
8.	Modernisation of West Quay and extension of North Quay (Merged construction of 2nd single station)	41.45	0.25	
9.	Construction of 1 No. Multi-storyed transit shed by dismantaling West Quay Transit shed and converting the balance area into storage yard	18.24	1.50	
10.	Further extension of container terminal (ADB aid)	195.25	1.81	
11.	Procurement of 2 Nos. 10 T level luffing wharf electric cranes	9.00	0.50	
	COCHIN PORT			
1.	Replacement of 30/35 Ton BP Tug—2 Nos.	25.10	1.60	
2.	Procurement of 1 No. Pig Dynamic Oil Disc Skimmer-cum-Buoy tender	5.74	0.80	
	VISAKHAPATNAM PORT			
1.	Replacement of locos with 4 Nos. of higher power locos	19.00	4.00	
2.	Development of Port Railway System	15.00	1.00	
3.	Procurement of 1 tractor tug 30 Ton Bollard Pull Tug.	11.00	1.50	
4.	Dredging for deepening the outer harbour	13.00	0.55	
5.	Construction of jetty for handling LPG at Visakhapatnam outer harbour	24.12	11.50	
6.	Replacement of Tug "SIRI"	11.00	1.50	
7.	Construction of birth in inner harbour (extension of EQ- C)	20.00	0.15	
8.	Procurement of 4 Nos. 10 ton capacity electric wharf cranes in replacement of 3 ton capacity cranes (4x4.00 crores each) and procurement of 2 nos. 15 Ton capacity electric wharf cranes in replacement of 6 Ton capacity cranes (2xRs. 4.50 crores each)	35.00	7.80	
9.	Construction of Multipurpose birth including development of land adjacent to outer harbour	32.01	1.25	

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	KANDLA PORT			
1.	Additional Oil Jetty	19.67	8.00	
2.	Additional Cargo Berth	38.82	6.00	
3.	Procurement of wharf cranes (4 Nos.) in replacement of existing wharf cranes	20.78	3.00	
4.	Providing 66 KV-11KV electric sub-station with all equipment etc. including civil works and transmission lines	15.73	2.00	
5.	Additional facilities for handling crude oil at Vadinar	21.67	2.50	
6.	Construction of Oil Jetty No. 4 at Kandla	26.00	0.50	
7.	Modification/replacement HD Kutch Vallabh	80.00	0.10	
8.	Construction of 9th Cargo berth at Kandla	100.00	0.10	
	MORMUGAO PORT			
1.	Replacement of Wharf cranes	4.50	1.25	
2.	Construction of Fishing Jetty at Chicalim Bay.	10.24	1.00	
	PARADIP PORT			
1.	Construction of Oil Berth including Reception facilities	50.00	2.00	
2.	Extension of West Quay phase V	4.58	0.40	
3.	Construction of By pass system for loading thermal coal	4.87	1.90	
4.	Mechanised handling facilities for thermal coal and construction of 2 coal berths including handling facilities (ADB coal project)	587.65	72.00	
5.	Construction of container berth including development of Stack Yard with allied facilities	150.00	0.10	
6.	Construction of Dry Dock with allied facilities through private agencies	150.00	0.10	
7.	Second Multi-purpose cargo berth	35.00	0.10	
8.	Replacement of Stacker by Stacker-cum- Reclaimer	8.00	0.30	
9.	Extension of West Quay phase VI	4.75	3.66	
	NEW MANGALORE PORT			
1.	Improvement of Harbour protection system	4.00	1.50	
2.	Port facilities for proposed Refinery at Mangalore (funded by User agency)	238.14	30.00	
	TUTICORIN PORT			
1.	Fire Fighting arrangements at Coal-Oil-Coal jetty complex	6.82	1.87	
2.	Construction of Cargo berth No. 7 (Multipurpose)	28.64	11.00	
3.	Dredging Approach Channel and Harbour Basin to accommodate 10.70 mtr. (35 feet Vs1)	169.00	11.53	
4.	Construction of Shallow water berths at (-) 7.00 m.	4.50	1.50	
5.	Container handling equipments phase 2nd.	5.00	2.00	